

TRAVANCORE HINDU LAW OF INHERITANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 209

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: The member who does not know English wants a translator for understanding points. If that were so, how will the member approve the English version?

President: It was up to the member whose questions were disallowed to have raised these points. No question of advocacy for the member arises here.

MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

President: I am glad to announce that as per results of the election that took place yesterday for the Agricultural Board 5 gentlemen have secured the highest number of votes. I may also say in this connection that votes were recorded in favour of no less than 15 non-official members of the House. The members who have come out successful in the election are—

- Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai (Neyattinkara)
- „ M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai
- „ Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi
- „ V. S. Arumukham Pillai, and
- „ M. N. Narayana Menon.

Legislative Business.

TRAVANCORE HINDU LAW OF INHERITANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: I move that the third reading of the Travancore Hindu Law of Inheritance (Amendment) Bill be taken up. In doing so, I have a small amendment to make. In clause 1, sub-section (1) insert 1111 for 1110.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: I second it.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: There is a technical objection, Sir. The mover ought to seek the permission of the Dewan for moving this amendment. You may of course, Sir, as Dewan give permission now. But he must ask for it.

President: Generally at the third reading any amendment that is found necessary is moved by the Law Member on behalf of Government. I think the honourable member would have done well in asking the permission of the President. However I allow the member permission to move the amendment.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Usually the Law Member moves such amendments. But in this case with the permission of the Chair I beg to move that in clause 1, sub-section (1) for 1110, 1111 be inserted.

Mr. M. Govindan: I second it.

President: Moved and seconded that the figures 1110 appearing in clause 1, sub-section (1) be altered into 1111.

The amendment is carried.

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Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Sir, I move that the Bill as amended be passed.

Mr. M. Govindan : I second it.

President : The motion before the House is that the Travancore Hindu Law of Inheritance (Amendment) Bill, as amended by the House be passed.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

President : The motion is carried and the Bill is passed.

THE TRAVANCORE CHRISTIAN SUCCESSION REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

President : We will now take up the first reading of the Travancore Christian Succession Regulation (Amendment) Bill by Mr. J. John Kattakayam. There is a similar Bill by Mr. E. P. Varghese also. The discussion of both of them will go on simultaneously.

I find that some honourable members have already spoken on these two Bills. They are Messrs. John Kattakayam, E. P. Varghese, N. Ramakrishna Pillai, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai, Tariat Kunjithommen, C. M. Joseph, K. George and K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

The House will now resume the discussion of these two Bills.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Sir, am I to continue?

President : You have already spoken. Those honourable members who have spoken cannot speak again. Those who had not spoken have a right to speak if they want to do so. Otherwise I will put the motion straightaway.

Mr. E. I. Mathew : Sir, I understand that there has not been any request from any considerable body of the community affected for such an amendment, and the ground covered by this amendment is one which was threshed out to a large extent at the time when the original law was passed.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : How many years back was it?

Mr. E. I. Mathew : In 1892, and it is not time to say whether the provisions work well or not.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : How long will it take?

Mr. E. I. Mathew : It must take at least a generation.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : What is the period of the generation?

Mr. E. I. Mathew : About 35 years.

There are many people who are of opinion that the amendment to these provisions ought to be in such a way as to restore the condition prior to the passing of this Bill. In fact I was one of those who took part in the discussion for retaining the previous practice